

Rep. Fred Upton - (R, MI)

**ALLIED LANDFILL, PART OF THE ALLIED PAPER/
PORTAGE CREEK/KALAMAZOO RIVER SUPERFUND SITE**

BACKGROUND:

EPA had to take over the Feasibility Study work at Allied Landfill, one of four landfill operable units of the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River site, when the potentially responsible party, Millennium Holdings, filed for bankruptcy protection in 2009 and stopped work. EPA received approximately \$50 million from the bankruptcy settlement to address the cleanup of Allied Landfill. The Allied Landfill was a former paper mill and waste disposal area owned by Millennium Holdings, and contains approximately 1.6 million cubic yards of paper residuals contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls. Since 2007, the City of Kalamazoo and many in the local community had actively opposed any remedy that would leave waste in place.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: There has been ongoing interest from Rep. Upton and Sen. Stabenow, including tours of the site. Both offices are supportive of the collaborative effort that went into maximizing redevelopment at the site and of the decision to do a removal at Otsego Dam.

QUESTION: What is the status of the remedy selection process at Allied Landfill?

ANSWER:

EPA released a proposed cleanup plan for Allied Landfill in September 2015. The public comment period closed in early December 2015. EPA plans to finalize the Record of Decision during late summer 2016. Starting in April 2014, EPA collaborated with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the City of Kalamazoo to develop a consolidation and capping cleanup alternative that maximizes redevelopment at the Allied Landfill property, and the City is no longer pursuing total removal of the waste. This collaborative effort also included cooperative public outreach. The proposed remedy, estimated to cost approximately \$63M, maximizes both redevelopment and long-term stewardship of the property. Both the City and the State favor EPA's proposed remedy, and many in the community now accept it as well. Cleanup options ranged from on-site consolidation and capping of the waste (\$43M) to complete removal and off-site disposal of the waste (\$238M).

Recently, an update was provided to congressional offices about a portion of the cleanup that will be handled as a removal occurring at the Otsego Township Dam Area, part of the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Site. Given the significant bank erosion and related PCB releases to the river, EPA determined that an imminent threat exists and a Time Critical Removal Action (TCRA) is warranted.

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